

CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A cartridge magazine system for allowing the user to safely load and use a firearm comprising, in combination;

a case fabricated of a heat treated stainless steel and having a hollow generally rectilinear configuration with two flat parallel side faces with each side face having upper end and a lower end and a rounded front face and a flat rear face with the case having a base end with a base plate and an open upper end, the base plate formed in a flat generally rectangular configuration and coupled to the base end to close the base end thereby forming an interior recess within the case, the upper ends of the side faces having a radial bevel to form a lip on both sides thereby restricting the opening into the recess of the case;

a coil spring having an upper end and a lower end positioned on the base plate and sized to be slightly longer than height of the interior recess of the case;

a follower positioned within the recess upon the spring and fabricated of a heat treated stainless steel and sufficiently thin to provide a spring-like resilience, the follower having a central section with side edges, with the central section having a downwardly extending front leg curved to conform to the shape

of the rounded front face of the case, with the downwardly extending front leg of the central section terminating in an arcuate lowermost extent, the central section also having a downwardly extending flat rear leg to conform to the shape of the flat rear face of the case, the front leg and the central section there adjacent being less wide than the rear leg and the central section there adjacent, the front and rear legs adapted to smoothly slide downwardly without binding within the case with the addition of bullets to the recess and the compression of the spring and to smoothly slide upwardly without binding within the case with the removal of bullets from the case and the force of the spring, the rear leg having a lower end, the lower end having a 180 degree bend with an upwardly extending portion terminating in an inwardly extending portion overlying the central section of the follower, with a supplemental bend between the upwardly extending portion and [[an]] the inwardly extending portion of between about 100 degrees and 105 degrees ~~preferably 103 degrees~~ when not compressed but with the inwardly extending portion resiliently movable into facing contact with the central section of the follower when bullets are positioned within the recess, the central section of the follower having a downwardly extending finger for positioning the spring;

a dimple in a generally hemispherical configuration have a diameter of about 0.090 inches and a height of about 0.085 inches extending upwardly from the central section of the follower and

equally spaced laterally from the side faces of the case and the side edges of the central section, the dimple being located about 0.300 inches from the rear leg of the follower.

2. (Currently Amended) A cartridge magazine system comprising:

a case having a hollow generally rectilinear configuration with two side faces and a front face and a flat rear face with the case having a base end with a base plate and an open upper end thereby forming an interior recess;

a spring having an upper end and a lower end positioned on the base plate;

a follower positioned within the recess upon the spring with a central section having a front and a rear and an inwardly extending portion; and

a dimple in a generally hemispherical configuration extending upwardly from the inwardly extending portion and located to thereby fit into [[the]] an annular recess of a bullet there above, the dimple having a diameter of about 0.090 inches and a height of about 0.085 inches extending upwardly from the central section of the follower and equally spaced laterally from the side faces of the case, the dimple being located about 0.300 inches from the rear of the follower.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)